



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Petitioner,

vs.

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RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING

USDOT:

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Section 2 – Respondent’s Information

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Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway:

2. Existing railroad:

3. USDOT Crossing No.:

4. GPS location:

5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth):

6. City:

County:

Section 4 – Highway Information

1. Name of highway:
2. Road authority:
3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT):
4. Number of lanes:
5. Roadway speed:
6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No
7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? %
8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes No
9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day?
10. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 9, above, expected within ten years:

11. What is the available sight distance from the stop bar (or 25 feet from the tracks if no stop bar) on both approaches to the crossing?

12. If the sight distance is less than 400 feet, describe the structures, roadway or track curvature, visual obstacles or other characteristics that limit sight distance.

Section 5 – Railroad Information

1. Railroad company:

2. Type of railroad at crossing: Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

3. Type of tracks at crossing: Main Line Siding or Spur

4. Number of tracks at crossing:

5. Average daily train traffic, freight:

Authorized freight train speed: Operated freight train speed:

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger:

Authorized passenger train speed: Operated passenger train speed:

7. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 6 above, expected within ten years:

Section 6 – Current Warning Devices

Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing (vehicle and pedestrian), including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry, and any other warning devices.

Section 7 – Description of Proposed Changes

Describe in detail the number and type of proposed automatic signals (vehicle and pedestrian), gates, other warning devices, and/or changes to train detection circuitry. ([RCW 81.53.271](#)) Please describe any other proposed changes at the crossing, including changes to the crossing surface, signage, pavement markings, etc. If sidewalks are being installed, please provide information on who will maintain them. Attach additional information sheets, if needed.

Section 8 – Illustration of Crossing

Attach a detailed diagram, design drawing, map, or other illustration showing the current and proposed layout of the road, crossing surface, and railway in the vicinity of the crossing, including shoulders, sidewalks, lanes of travel, bike lanes, warning devices, pavement markings and any other applicable crossing conditions.

Section 9 – Traffic Signal Preemption

Are the railroad signals currently interconnected with a traffic signal(s)?

Yes No

Will this project interconnect railroad signals with a traffic signal(s) or modify the existing traffic signal preemption timing?

Yes No

If yes, attach documentation supporting the proposed traffic signal preemption timing calculations (e.g., [TXDOT Guide for Determining Time Requirements for Traffic Signal Preemption at Highway Rail Grade Crossings](#) or similar preemption worksheet/plan), which must be certified by a professional engineer.

Section 10 – Description of Public Safety Need

Describe and support the public safety need for the proposed changes. ([RCW 81.53.261](#))

Section 11 – Approximate Cost of Installation and Related Work

Provide the approximate cost of installation and related work for the proposed changes to signals and/or warning devices. ([RCW 81.53.271](#))

Section 12 – Approximate Cost of Annual Maintenance

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Section 13 – Cost Apportionment

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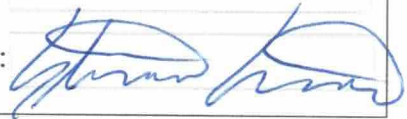
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Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____

Printed Name of Respondent 1

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Phone Number

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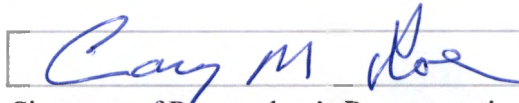
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Dated at **Richland**, Washington, on the **30** day of **August** **2024**.

City of Kennewick, Cary Roe

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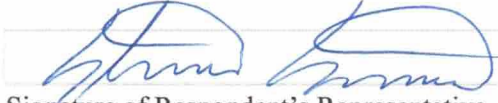
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Columbia Rail, Stuart Smith

Printed Name of Respondent 2



Signature of Respondent's Representative

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